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FROM: HQ AFMC/PK

4375 Chidlaw Road, Room S208

Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-5006

SUBJECT: Interim Revision of Air Force Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
(AFFARS), 5315-3, Tables A-B, Source Selection Authority

1. SAF/AQC has issued the attached interim revision to AFFARS 5315-3. This change gives AFMC/CC the flexibility to designate a Source Selection Authority (SSA) at a level other than those prescribed in Attachment 5315, Table A, for specific "Other Contracting" acquisitions under \$500M.
2. This change allows HQ AFMC to institute its policy of "selective engagement" in A-76 studies as described in General Babbitt's 29 Sep 99 memo. Under selective engagement, HQ AFMC may assume SSA duties for very large or complex studies.
3. Please direct any questions to our action officer, Mr. Don Poole, HQ AFMC/PKPA, DSN 986-0359, or E-mail at donald.poole@wpafb.af.mil.

/signed/

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Deputy Director of Contracting

Attachments:

1. SAF/AQC Memo 00-C-01, 10 Jan 00
2. AFMC/CC Memo, 29 Sep 99

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AFFARS Case 99-05


MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/FOA/DRU (CONTRACTING)

FROM: SAF/AQC
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Washington DC 20330-1060

SUBJECT: Interim Revision of Air Force Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
(AFFARS), 5315-3, Tables A-B, Source Selection Authority

To provide Air Force MAJCOMs the flexibility to designate Source Selection Authority (SSA) for specific "Other Contracting" acquisitions at levels other than those prescribed in AFFARS 5315-3 Tables A and B, these Tables are changed effective immediately as shown in the attachment. This Contracting Policy Memorandum will remain in effect until the change is included in a subsequent Air Force Acquisition Circular (AFAC).

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Attachment:
AFFARS Change

Attachment 5315-3

Table A

AFMC Source Selection Authority (SSA) Thresholds
PEO and DAC Programs (non Information Technology)// Other Contracting*

<u>Threshold</u>	<u>SSA (Delegable⁽¹⁾)</u>	<u>SSP Review</u>
SAT to < \$10M	Contracting Officer	Technical Team Member
≥ \$10M to < \$50M	Single Manager ⁽²⁾	BOCO//[See note 3]
≥ \$50M to < \$500M	PEO or DAC//Center CC	SCCO
≥ \$500M ⁽⁴⁾	PDASAF(A&M)	SSAC Chairperson

Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Programs and non-MAIS Information
Technology Acquisitions

<u>Threshold</u>	<u>SSA (Delegable⁽¹⁾)</u>	<u>SSP Review</u>
SAT to < \$15/30M ⁽⁵⁾	Single Manager ⁽²⁾	BOCO//[See note 3]
≥ \$15/30M ⁽⁵⁾ to < \$120M and non-MAIS	PEO or DAC//Center CC	SCCO
≥ \$120M or MAIS	PDASAF(A&M)	SSAC Chairperson

⁽¹⁾Not delegable lower than the contracting officer.

⁽²⁾Single Manager (SM) includes System Program Director (SPD), Product Group Manager (PGM), Materiel Group Manager (MGM), Technology Director (TD) and Wing Commander.

⁽³⁾For Other Contracting, the first contracting official in the contract chain subordinate to the SCCO.

⁽⁴⁾Except new ACAT ID programs entering EMD (ASAF(A))

⁽⁵⁾\$15/\$30M means \$15M or more in any FY or \$30M or more for all program years.

*AFMC/CC may designate an SSA at a level other than those listed above for a specific "Other Contracting" acquisition of less than \$500 Million.

Table B

Other MAJCOMs, FOAs, DRUs Source Selection Authority Thresholds
Other Contracting*

<u>Threshold</u>	<u>SSA (Delegable^[1])</u>	<u>SSP Review</u>
SAT to < \$10M	Contracting Officer	Technical Team Member
≥ \$10M to < \$500M	Commanders ^[2]	Per Command Guidance
≥ \$500M	PDASAF(A&M) ^[3]	SSAC Chairperson

MAIS Programs and non-MAIS Information Technology Acquisitions

<u>Threshold</u>	<u>SSA (Delegable^[1])</u>	<u>SSP Review</u>
SAT to < \$10M	Contracting Officer	Technical Team Member
≥ \$10M to < \$120M and non-MAIS	Commanders ^[2]	Per Command Guidance
≥ \$120M or MAIS	PDASAF(A&M)	SSAC Chairperson

TABLE B NOTE: If an acquisition is designated a PEO Program, the PEO is the SSA for thresholds below ASAF(A) (delegable^[1]).

^[1]Not delegable lower than the contracting officer.

^[2]Commanders of MAJCOMs, FOAs and DRUs

^[3]Except new ACAT ID programs entering EMD (ASAF(A))

*The MAJCOM/CC may designate an SSA at a level other than those listed above for a specific "Other Contracting" acquisition of less than \$500 Million.

MEMORANDUM FOR ALHQCTR/CC

29 Sep 99

FROM: AFMC/CC

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SUBJECT: Headquarters' (HQ) Involvement in A-76 Source Selections

1. We are currently implementing procedures to involve the HQ in selected A-76 studies when source selection procedures are used. By involving the HQ, our intent is to assure consistent A-76 study execution across the command, use HQ resources to facilitate a level of independence in decision making, assure fairness to our employees, and enhance industry's perception of our A-76 program.
2. My policy on HQs' involvement will be one of "selective engagement" characterized by a progressive three-tiered approach, taking into consideration study complexity, center experience in conducting A-76 studies, and the need for independence. Areas of HQ involvement may include participation on the A-76 Acquisition Strategy Panel, or as a member of Source Selection Advisory Council, or ultimately as the Source Selection Authority (SSA). This approach was briefed to you at the 5-6 Aug 99 Commanders' Conference.
3. HQ AFMC/XP chaired a HQ board to look at each study to recommend the extent of the HQs' involvement. HQ AFMC/PK will forward the board recommendations for your feedback. We plan to convene the HQ board every six months to assess our involvement in A-76 studies. We will request your feedback on each board's recommendations.
4. The policy may require HQ to assume SSA duties in certain circumstances. This will require a change to the Air Force Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFFARS). SAF/AQC is currently processing a change to the AFFARS to allow MAJCOMs to assume SSA for A-76 source selections less than \$500M. The AFFARS change is not expected to be issued before 30 Sep 99.
5. I plan to issue formal command policy regarding the A-76 source selection process after the AFFARS change is complete. In the meantime, we are also looking at the feasibility of centralizing the execution of certain A-76 studies at the HQ in response to an action item from our recent AFMC Commanders' Conference.

//SIGNED//

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General, USAF
Commander

Link to AFMC/CC, 13 Dec 99 Letter on Execution of A-76 Source Selections:
<http://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/PK/pko/990511s.pdf>